

Whereas, Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center in Farmington has attained considerable distinction down through the years for providing a wide range of diagnostic and treatment options in keeping with its mission statement that “People shall receive services emphasizing strengths and promoting opportunities beyond the limitation of mental illness”; and

Whereas, on October 17, 2003, Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center will celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of its founding through a program in the gymnasium, refreshments, and guided tours; and

Whereas, Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center enjoys an illustrious history of service with roots which can be traced to actions of the Fortieth General Assembly in 1899 authorizing the establishment of State Hospital Number 4; and

Whereas, after the first seven patients were admitted in January 1903, State Hospital Number 4 saw its average daily census peak at 1,989 in 1960 and then begin a decline due to new and improved treatment programs, increased treatment staff, new drugs, and placement in community foster homes and boarding/nursing homes; and

Whereas, after the 1984 conversion of most of the hospital into a medium security prison, a new 210-bed mental health center was built, and in July 1987 Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center opened and the name Farmington State Hospital Number 4 no longer existed; and

Whereas, today’s Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center maintains an Acute Care Unit, an Intermediate Care Unit, and a Forensic Services Unit to provide a client environment that includes interdisciplinary treatment in the areas of psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, clinical social work, therapeutic recreation, psychology, and occupational therapy; patient education modules; work therapy; a group home program, an interactive computer system; and a fitness center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and impressive record of accomplishment associated with the Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they observe the One Hundredth Anniversary of the establishment of their organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center of Farmington, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Engler
District No. 106

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4353, adopted October 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker